











**Shrine**  
**of**  
**Our Lady of Lourdes**

at the

**BELGIAN SACRED HEART PARISH,  
ON PLINQUET STREET, ST. BONIFACE, MANITOBA**

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Blessed by His Excellency Msgr. Em. Yelle, Archbishop Coadj. of St. Boniface, Manitoba. on May 17th, 1936.



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In the following year, during the National Pilgrimage, the Abbe Lagardere of Montauban suggested a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, accompanied by invocations. Father E. Bouvy was asked to make a selection of appropriate texts from the Holy Scriptures, and to have them printed upon leaflets and distributed among the pilgrims at the Grotto. Father Bouvy then led the invocations from the pulpit, while the Blessed Sacrament was borne through the rows of the sick.

In the beginning, the only invocations used were those referring to Our Lord and to the healing of the sick. Gradually others were added, until the familiar list which we use today was completed.

It was not until 1895 that the individual Blessing of the Sick was inaugurated.

As at Lourdes in France, so also at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at St. Boniface in Manitoba, all visitors, whether intending to walk in procession or not, are cordially welcome. A special place, near the Grotto, is reserved for the sick. And ample parking space is provided on the higher level of the grounds, near the wide entrance gate on the north side.

Candles, with protective holders, are obtainable at a kiosk in the grounds; and with each candle is presented, gratis, a leaflet with the prayers and hymns.

























































































